

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 2 were finally rejected and claims 3-7 were objected to. Claims 8-20 are allowed. Claims 1 and 4-6 have been amended, and claim 3 has been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-2 and 4-20 remain active in the application. In view of the amendments to the claims and the following remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Francis et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,580,720 (“Francis”), in view of Zheng et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,804,255 (“Zheng”). Although Applicant continues to disagree that the combination of Francis and Zheng creates a *prima facie* case of obviousness of claims 1 and 2, Applicant has elected to effectively cancel these claims (as previously constituted) in order to avoid further delay as to the issuance of the allowable subject matter.

Allowable Subject Matter and Corresponding Amendments

Claims 3-7 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has rewritten original claim 1 to incorporate the limitations stated in claim 3. Applicant notes that this amendment to claim 1 does not include the limitations of intervening claim 2, which was rejected. Nothing in prior claim 3 depends on a limitation stated in rejected claim 2 to provide an antecedent basis, and it does not appear that distribution of power from a second power supply played any factor in the allowability of prior claim 3. Further supporting this observation, claims 8 and 20 were found to be allowable without including limitations related to a second power supply.

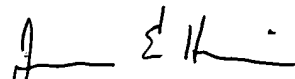
Claim 3 has been canceled, as its limitations now appear in amended claim 1. Claims 4, 5, and 6, which previously depended directly from claim 3, have now been amended to appropriately depend from amended claim 1.

Conclusion

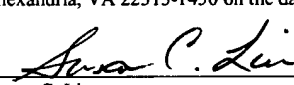
For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that claims 1-2 and 3-20 as presently constituted be allowed to proceed to issuance. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 512.867.8502 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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